

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
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11. (cancelled)
12. (currently amended) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 2, in which the means for inputting remote travel locations visited and durations of stay for a taxpayer further comprises: comprising:

a city rate table identifying allowed per diem expense rates for a given tax year for a plurality of cities as identified by a city code;

means for inputting and maintaining data in said table;

means for inputting cities visited and durations of stay for a taxpayer comprising:

a ship location table, said ship location table including city rate codes for each day of a tax year for a plurality of ship name codes;

means for inputting names of ships on which a taxpayer has worked and starting and ending dates for work on each of said ships; and

means for determining locations and durations of stay for the taxpayer based upon the ship location table and the input ship names and starting and ending dates for work on each of said ships[.];

means for inputting expense reimbursements received from the taxpayer's employer;

means for calculating a total of all per diem expenses based upon the per diem table and the input cities and number of days of stay in said cities;

means for offsetting the reimbursements against said total to determine an incidental expense allowance;

a client information table, said information table comprising a taxpayer's name, address, zip code, Social Security number and a work code;

a USA States table, said States table comprising each state's name, a state ID code, a lower 48 state code, and an IRS center code;

said city rate table further comprising a tax year, a city code, combined meal and incidental rate, full rate, and high cost city code;

a city name table, said city name table comprising said city code, said city, said state ID code, and a country name;

supporting schedules, said supporting schedules merging data from said client information table, said USA States table, and said city rate table with the input cities and durations of stay for the taxpayer; and

means for inputting and maintaining data in each of said tables;

13. (original) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 12, further comprising:
 - a shipping company documents table, said shipping company documents table including a shipping company ID code and a pointer to a shipping company document file name;
 - a shipping companies table, said shipping companies table including the shipping company ID code, a shipping company name and means for printing said shipping company document.
14. (original) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 13, further comprising a ship names table, said ship name table including the ship name code, a ship name, a shipping company ID code and each ship's e-mail address.
15. (original) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 14, further comprising:
 - other supporting schedules, said other supporting schedules merging the ship location table and the city rate table to provide meal and incidental rates and full rates for each city visited; and
 - means for determining the highest meal and incidental rates and full rates applicable for taxpayers traveling between cities for more than one day.

16. (original) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 15, further comprising:
 - a series of data entry templates, said templates including the ship locations recorded in the ship location table for names of ships associated with each shipping company name; and
 - said templates permitting rapid entry of ship locations for ships following identical routes, said routes having different starting dates.
17. (original) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 12, further comprising means for reviewing the travel start and end dates for any input ship name and tax year.
18. (original) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 15, further comprising:
 - a merchant sailor schedule table, said merchant sailor schedule table including the taxpayer's name, the ship name, the trip start date and the trip end as recorded on the taxpayer's U.S. Coast Guard Discharge Papers; and
 - said merchant sailor schedule table being used in conjunction with the ship location table to provide the incidental portion of meal rates and full rates for each city visited by the taxpayer in a tax year.
19. (original) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 12, further comprising means for printing a ports of call statement illustrating the location of a ship for each day of a tax year.

20. (original) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 12, further comprising means for accessing the client information table and the merchant sailor schedule table to provide a listing of all of the taxpayers associated with any ship during a tax year and the means for contacting said taxpayers.
21. (original) A system for determining travel deductions for taxpayers who stay overnight in locations remote from their homes as part of their employment as described in Claim 18, further comprising means for displaying a chronological listing of all of the U.S. Coast Guard Discharge Paper data input for the taxpayer for a tax year and comparing to the merchant sailor schedule table to determine if any travel days are unaccounted for.
22. (cancelled)
23. (cancelled)